No.	State	Sero-Positive
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10
11.	Karnataka	980
12.	Kerala	180
13.	Madhya Pradesh	64
14.	Maharashtra	5482
15.	Manipur	2138
16.	Mizoram	36
17.	Nagaland	112
18.	Orissa	20
19.	Pondicherry	563
20.	Rajasthan	14
21.	Tamil Nadu	2766
22.	Uttar Pradesh	420
23.	West Bengal	197
24.	Lakshadweep	2
	TOTAL	15017

(f) The strategy to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS consists of generation of awareness among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases.

(g) Government have already launched an awareness campaign through mass media channels like Newspapers, Television, Radio, Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity, Directorate of Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division. Simultaneously software packages are being prepared through National Film Development Corporation and an indentified communication agency. A programme to associate Non-Governmental Organisations in the awareness generation and intervention programmes has also been taken up in hand.

Protection to Indian Fishermen

*437. SHRI S .MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Indian officials met the Sri Lankan counterparts in Sri Lanka and discussed the problems of Indian fishermen ; and

(b) if so, what measures have been devised to prevent shooting of fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Senior officials of India and Sri Lanka held discussions in Colombo on 8-9 March, 1944 on the problems of fishermen of the two countries, in continuation of the discussions at the level of Foreign Secretaries in Delhi on 15th October, 1993.

(b) During the discussions in Colombo, the two sides agreed to implement effectively the measures devised during Foreign Secretary level talks in October, 1993 to prevent incidents affecting Indian fishermen. These measures relate to (i) precautions to be observed by fishermen ; and (ii) steps to be taken by Sri Lankan Navy to avoid harasment of innocent fishermen.

The two sides agreed to continue the process of bilateral discussions of this issue.

News-Items regarding "Park Cheetals left to fend for themselves"

*438. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 11th March, 1994 under caption "Park Cheetals left to fend for themselves" ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to save these innocent animals ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the

news item captioned, "Park Cheetals left to fend for themselves" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 11th March, 1994.

The maintenance of the deer park has been continued by the Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh. The deer in the park are not left to fend for themselves. They are being looked after by regular staff of Forest Department. There has not been any report of death of any cheetal in the park due to starvation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOTTLING PLANTS FOR LPG IN SAURASHTRA AND KACHH REGION

*439. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of bottling plants for LPG which have been commissioned so far in Saurashtra and Kachh Region by Indian Oil Corporation ;

(b) the district-wise details of the number of customers to be catered to in this area; and

(c) the refilling capacity of bottling plants per day ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA : (a) There is one LPG bottling plant of M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Rajkot, which was commissioned in October, 1985. The cost of the plant was Rs. 6 crores and has an annual capacity of 44,000 MT.

(b) The number of customers attached to the Rajkot bottling plant is as follows :

District	No. of customers (as on 31-3-1994)
Rajkot	102327
Bhavanagar	59208
Jamnagar	53151
Junagadh	55884
Amreli	9647
Surendranagar	25541
Kutch	29328
TOTAL	33509

(c) At present the bottling capacity of the plant is 14000 cylinders per day.

Widening of Delhi—Amritsar National Highway

*440 SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the widening of Delhi-Amritsar national highway is being undertaken by Government on contract basis ;

(b) if so, what portion of the abovementioned national highway is to be completed by Government and what portion on contract ;

(c) what is the per K.M. cost of widening the road by Government and by contract separately ; and

(d) by when, Government will be able to complete the work and the time to be taken by contractors for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Widening to 4-lane of Delhi-Jalandhar Section has been undertaken on contract basis, in stages.

(b) Entire 4-laning work is envisaged for completion on contract basis.

(c) it is difficult to indicate the per kilometre cost of widening as it depends upon various factors e.g. terrain, nature of soil, specifications, lead of materials, traffic expected etc.

(d) The work is targeted to be completed by end of 1998.

ECO-System of North-Eastern States

4561. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the extent of damage and threat of extinction facing the eco-system of North-Eastern States ;

(b) whether Government have received any threat to this effect; and